

### ABSTRACT

Rapidly water soluble strips of film carrying surfactants are described for application as soaps and detergents. A preferred water soluble polymer base for the film compositions comprises a carbohydrate based hydrocolloid such as hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose or sodium carboxymethyl cellulose. Suitable base polymers are quick dissolving and can carry high polymer loadings and leave virtually no residue upon rapid dissolution in water. The addition of a small amount of plasticizer to the composition imparts the degree of flexibility required for practical applications.